

FRENCH TROOPS ATTACKED AND 350 TAKEN PRISONER BY HUNGARIANS IN NEUTRAL ZONE

On Demand of the French commanding Officers,
The Hungarians Have Promised to Make
Amends as Far as Possible by Releasing the
Prisoners.

CONDITIONS IN HUNGARY ARE GREATLY DISTURBED

German People in Hungary Have Been Advised
By the Diplomatic Agent of the German Government at Budapest to Leave That Country.

Paris, March 31. (By the Associated Press)—A small force of French troops stationed in the neutral zone between Hungary and Rumania has been attacked by Hungarian troops, 350 of the French being taken prisoner, according to an official reported received here.

On demand of the French general, the release of the prisoners has been promised by the Hungarians. Greatly disturbed conditions are reported to exist in Hungary.

EXPONENT OF PATRIOTISM.

Capt. Wallace Foster Died at Indianapolis Last Night.

Indianapolis, March 31.—Captain Wallace Foster, known throughout the United States as an exponent of patriotism in the public schools, died at his home here late last night. He was 82 years old. Death was due to heart disease.

CAPTURED "JEFF" DAVIS.

Casper Knoble, Civil War Veteran, Died at Johnson City, Tenn.

Johnson City, Tenn., March 31.—Casper Knoble, 74, civil war veteran and credited with having captured President Jefferson Davis at the close of the war, is dead at the Mountain Soldiers' home here. Knoble was a native of Switzerland and enlisted at Cincinnati. A son, Charles C. Knoble, resides at Philadelphia.

HUNGARY SENT ULTIMATUM.

To Czech-Slovak Government Because of Troop Concentration.

Basle, Switzerland, March 31 (Havas).—The Hungarian government is reported in Vienna dispatches to have sent an ultimatum to the Czech-Slovak government. This action, it is stated, was taken because of the concentration of Czech-Slovak troops and a rumor that there would be a general mobilization in Bohemia in the near future.

PROTEST ACQUITTAL.

Of Raoul Villain, Who Killed Jaures in 1914.

Paris, March 31 (Havas).—A resolution of protest against the acquittal of Raoul Villain, who shot and killed the socialist leader, Jaures, in 1914, was adopted yesterday by the federal socialist congress for the department of the Seine. The federation was directed to inquire into what action should be taken by that body.

Food by Parcel Post.

Under the provisions of the new post-office appropriation bill three-fourths of the motor vehicle routes now in operation for carrying mail through country districts will be discontinued. This service was established as an experiment, it being hoped that the service would prove of value in reducing the cost of living, and the postoffice department remained strong for the idea, asking for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for this item the coming year. This recommendation, however, was in conflict with the judgment of a committee of nine postoffice inspectors that recently investigated the subject. That committee decided that only a few of the motor truck routes had developed such efficiency as to warrant their continuance. It came to the conclusion that the rates offered to parcel post patrons were not low enough to be a large factor in the distribution of foods in view of the exacting requirements as to packing and wrapping, the insurance and collection charges, and so on. It advised that the experiment of such collections and deliveries be continued on a limited scale, and the conference committee of the two houses has adopted that policy.

It appears from this showing that a great deal remains to be done before the parcel post becomes a real success in carrying foodstuffs from farm to consumer, after the plan projected. The new medium of exchange seems not as yet to have made an appreciable dent in the business of the middleman. It is not sufficiently elastic to meet requirements, there being not enough advantages to offset the red tape involved. Further careful study must be given to the problem before the parcel post will be enabled to score, even within the modest limits sought by reasonable-minded advocates, for the mutual benefit of the producer and consumer.—Springfield (Mass.) Union.

To Others.

"I know I don't play what well, but I only play cards for amusement."
"Well, your game is certainly amusing."—Boston Transcript.

GERMAN FINANCE COMMISSION AT SPA

Is Supposed to Be on Way to Versailles to Discuss Pending Financial Questions with Representatives of the Allies.

Paris, March 31 (Havas).—The German financial sub-commission, which is to discuss pending financial questions with representatives of the allies, has arrived at Spa.

The financial conference between German and allied representatives, according to the first announcement, was to be held in Paris. Later advice said the meeting was likely to be held at Versailles, although other places, including Compiègne, have been mentioned as the seat of the conference. A Berlin dispatch on Saturday said that the German commission would "stop at Spa on its way to Versailles, there to await developments."

AUSTRIAN STRIKES NOT SETTLED.

Negotiations Have Failed, According to Vienna Dispatch.

Paris, March 31.—Reports that the railroad strike in German-Austria has been settled are untrue, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Echo de Paris, which was forwarded by way of Genoa. Negotiations between the strikers and Herr Renner, the chancellor, and Herr Deutsch, secretary for military affairs, have failed and the strike continues on the Eastern and Southern railroads, it is said.

Colonel Cary, of the British army, who is at Trieste, has offered to act as arbitrator, but the strikers have been destroying railroad property and stopping the transportation of food. A council of railroad workers has been formed in Styria.

Chancellor Renner has implored the strikers to moderate their demands, pointing out that in case of complications, he can be spared from the army and country. Employees of the western section of the Franz-Joseph railroad have joined in the strike which prevails on the northern and northwestern systems. A British representative at Vienna is reported to have issued a proclamation to the public exhorting the people not to interrupt the movement of food supplies. The situation is reported to be still grave.

PROMPT DEMOBILIZATION.

Is Urged by Gen. March in a Circular of Instructions.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—Necessity for the prompt discharge of all men who are spared from the army and whose enlistment contracts do not hold them beyond the period of the war, is emphasized by General March in a circular of instruction to demobilization officers, made public today at the war department.

"The attention of all is again directed," it says, "to the importance of discharging from the military service as rapidly as they can be spared all men drafted or enlisted only for the period of the emergency."

The order directs also that previous instructions shall be interpreted so that men will be let out where there is no specific reason for their being retained even though they are not in the classes authorized for priority of discharge. Where a camp is to be used for stage purposes, the military managers (personnel) to be retained on that account, General March directs that the commandant refer the matter to Washington for decision.

BIG ARM PROJECT.

Is Being Considered by New England Milk Producers' Association.

The following is from the New England Homestead:

The market committee of the New England Milk Producers' association, Messrs. Tinkham, Moody and Farmer, acting under instructions from the board of directors, have secured an option on the property of the Turner Center Dairy association of Auburn, Me., running for six months from April 1. The price at which the property can be acquired is \$700,000. The option runs to Frank S. Adams and L. E. McIntire of Maine, H. Moody of Vermont, H. W. Tinkham of Rhode Island and Richard Patten. An expert appraiser who has been connected with dairy matters for more than 30 years has been employed to make an inventory and appraisal of the real estate and personal property of the Turner Center association. A firm of certified public accountants has been employed to investigate the finances of the concern.

These reports will be available within the next 30 days. It is then proposed to lay before the present patrons of the Turner Center Dairy association a plan for acquiring the property with sufficient working capital to economically maintain a going concern. Already steps have been taken to extend the co-operative marketing system by the addition of a large block of Vermont territory and the development of city plants. The Turner Center Dairy association owns and operates city facilities in Boston, Providence, Worcester, Lowell, Lawrence, Lynn and Portland. Plans are being worked out whereby these may be used as centers of local development, handling the milk of nearby producers and drawing on the back territory as necessity may arise.

The market committee has undertaken an elaborate study of financing and management, which will be laid before the directors before it is proposed to the producers. Altogether it is safe to say that a definite plan for acquiring the Turner Center Dairy association and its expansion in markets and in the country will be ready for the producers within a very short time.

Another Mrs. Blunderby.

A sympathetic old lady on being a kitten for remarked: "The poor lady, it must be cold with nothing on her limbs but those coolies."—Boston Transcript.

JAPANESE GET A FOOTHOLD

Have Secured Agricultural Concessions in Lower California

STATE DEPARTMENT BEGINS INQUIRY

United States Government Is
Vitaly Interested
In the Matter

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed today to make inquiries concerning the report that the Mexican government has granted agricultural concessions to Japanese in Lower California and to report the facts as quickly as possible.

No official confirmation has reached the department about the concessions and surprise was occasioned by the dispatch from Mexico City yesterday quoting General Amado Aguirre, under secretary of development and agriculture, as saying they had been granted. The Mexican government is interested, both because of apparent success of Japanese in obtaining a long-sought foothold in Lower California and because the tract of land involved was developed and is claimed by an American company, whose rights were declared forfeited by the Mexican government in 1917.

WAS IN 9TH VERMONT.

Daniel P. Smith Died at His Home in Washington.

Daniel P. Smith died yesterday at his home in Washington from the effects of a shock. He had been ill for over a year. Mr. Smith was born in Washington March 2, 1839, and had lived there practically all his life. He was a Civil war veteran, having served in Co. I, 9th Vermont regiment. His widow survives, with one son, Ernest, of Washington. Two daughters, Lena and Lizzie, died in 1888. Mr. Smith was one of the oldest residents of the town and will be missed by the residents there.

BIG CONTEST IN CHICAGO.

Nearly 700,000 Votes Expected to Be Cast in Mayoralty Fight.

Chicago, March 31.—The campaign for mayor, which has been the most exciting political contest this city has experienced in many years, continued up to the eve of the election. Dozens of mass meetings throughout the city were held today.

Out of a total registration of 750,000 men and women, the political managers estimated that a vote close to 700,000 would be cast to-morrow. There are six candidates:

William Hale Thompson (Republican), incumbent.

Robert M. Sweitzer (Democrat), county clerk.

Macley Hoynes (Independent Democrat), state attorney.

John Fitzpatrick (Labor party), president Chicago Federation of Labor.

John M. Collins (Socialist).

Adolph S. Gram (Socialist-Labor).

Some 60 labor unions have declared a one-day strike for to-morrow in order to vote in the interest of Fitzpatrick at the polls.

WILL STRIKE TO-MORROW.

Unions on Great Lakes Will Demand an Eight-Hour Day.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 31.—Unions claiming a membership on the Great Lakes of 5,000 and having to do with drilling and dredging operations, will strike to-morrow to enforce their demands for an eight-hour day and a 15 per cent increase in wages. The decision to strike was taken at a meeting held last night, it was announced today.

The organizations affected are the Tug Firemen and Linemen's Protective association, Surface Dock Drilling union, Dredge Workers' union, Licensed Tugmen's Protective association and the Dredge Engineers' association, all affiliated with the International Longshoremen's union.

Towing tugs, except those used in dredging operations, will not be affected.

THE TROOP ARRIVALS.

The LaLorraine Brought 287 and Alaskan Brought 2,216.

New York, March 31.—With 287 troops, all casualties, the French line steamship La Lorraine arrived here today from Havre.

National army men of the 346th infantry, 87th division, returned on the steamship Alaskan, originally destined to Newport but diverted to New York. The Alaskan brought altogether 2,216 troops, of whom about 200 were casualties of various branches of the service.

With more than 3,000 officers and men of the 91st division, the steamship Siboney arrived from St. Nazaire.

Unfailing Symptoms.

Moses Lightfoot—Mawmin?
Wash. Lincoln—Mawmin?
"How is yo' all dis mawmin?"
"Ah got a misery."
"Where 'bout?"
"Ah feel all de time like Ah was gonna fall right down in mah tracks."
"Fall right down?"
"Maw alive, yo' all got de droopy!"
Youngstown Telegram.

U. S. S. CULGOA IN TROUBLE

Supply Ship With 104 Returning
Troops Aboard Is
Still in Strong Sea

CIRCULATING PUMPS OUT OF COMMISSION

If the Weather Moderates the
Ship Can Make Six
Knots

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—The United States naval supply ship Culgoa with 104 returning troops on board, all casualties, is reported in distress off New York according to a wireless message picked up here.

The message said the vessel was hoisted in a strong northeast wind and rough sea. It further stated that the ship was capable of making six knots if the weather moderated. The Culgoa sailed from Brest for New York on March 3 and put in at the Azores, from which she departed on March 19.

PAID FINE OF \$300.

Eugene Casani of Montpelier Pleaded Guilty Today.

In Montpelier city court today, Eugene Casani of Montpelier pleaded guilty to illegal selling of intoxicating liquor and paid a fine of \$300 and costs. His place was raided recently.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Thomas J. Mercer of the Baltimore lunch has been passing a few days in Boston and Manchester, N. H., on business.

Two large audiences at the Presbyterian church yesterday heard the far-reaching sermon of Rev. Edgar Crossland, who has concluded his pastorate here and will leave this week for Mattapan, Mass. The theme for the morning service was "The All-Sufficient Grace," and in his discourse the pastor pointed out the possibility to withstand even the worst if the thought carried in the text could be born in mind. In the evening the pastor dealt with his work covering a period of over four years and a half, ministering both in sorrow and joy and becoming attached to the people to whom he is endeared. His text was based on the words of the Apostle Paul, who at the end of his course found joy in the fact that he had "kept the faith" and that "a crown of righteousness" awaited him. Mr. Crossland begged his hearers to be faithful to themselves, to their children, and lastly to the church of God. To-night at 8 o'clock in the vestry of the church a reception will be given to Mr. and Mrs. Crossland and a cordial welcome is extended to all their friends.

After being tied up by the severe snowstorm of last Friday for more than 24 hours, the electric car service was reopened to the public yesterday morning at 11:30, when the first car left Ayers street for Montpelier. Though the Washington street line could not be operated, the regular schedule on the main line was resumed. A gang of workmen with picks and shovels together with a large electric snow-sweeper, made it possible for Washington street cars to ply up and down the hill later in the day. From Blackwell street to Ayers street, the snow-sweeper had no effect upon the snow in the tracks packed by automobiles constantly traversing over the tracks. Before 5 o'clock last evening the entire road was in running order and cars traveled at the regular hours.

Only one man appeared in city court this morning to answer to a charge of intoxication. He, Blaine Martin, was arrested Saturday afternoon for making considerable disturbance on Merchant street. This morning before Judge Scott he pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$15 and costs of \$8.85, it being his second offense. He believed the amount could be furnished by a friend, so he was held until proper funds were procured.

Miss Rachel Hollister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Hollister, of 34 Merchant street, who has been passing the vacation season with her parents, returned this morning to Tufts college, Medford, Mass.

A regular meeting of the Barre council, No. 401, Knights of Columbus, will be held Wednesday evening, April 2, for exemplification of the first degree.

Gordon Owens, recently employed at the M. M. Whitcomb undertaking and furniture store in East Barre, began work this morning at A. W. Badger & Co.'s store, filling the vacancy made by Alexander Park, who completed his duties there Saturday night.

M. S. Levin, who went to New York City to view the parade of the 27th division, which took place last week, arrived in Barre this morning. While in New York, he was joined by his son, Harry Levin, the latter having just got back from France and being now stationed at Camp Devens, awaiting the arrival of the remainder of the 27th division, of which he is a member.

FRESH FISH FROZEN ARE FINE.

Supply on Hand Is Large and Price Is Lower Than That of Unfrozen Fish.

More Americans would enjoy fish if they would get the kind that is frozen hard, as soon as they are drawn from the deep, cool sea. This method of freezing fish, then sealing in a jacket of ice, hardly before the wiggle is out of their tail, preserves the fine flavor of fresh fish, say specialists of the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture, after studying the subject of how to get fish to the consumer in the best of condition.

If the retailer turns up his nose and says scornfully, "We never carry any cold storage fish," just have him order a few pounds of hard frozen fish from his wholesaler. Have him get the right kind—fine blaster mackerel (not Spanish), weakfish, whiting or herring. There is a large supply of hard frozen fish of these kinds, accumulated to provide for war needs but not yet used, say department specialists, and they sell for considerably less than the unfrozen winter-time supply. This is not because the unfrozen fish are better, the specialists say, but because the frozen fish were caught in the late summer when the schools are large and the fish are fat and plentiful.

LONG IN MERCANTILE LIFE.

Benjamin P. White Died in Barre at the Age of 83.

Benjamin P. White, one of Barre's old residents and a man engaged in mercantile life for half a century, passed away at his home, 21 Maple Grove street, Sunday night after being in failing health during the past few weeks. The cause of death was a complication of diseases incident to his advanced years.

Benjamin Porter White was born in Calais July 11, 1835, being the son of Jacob and Clarissa (Porter) White. He spent the early part of his life in that town, being engaged for many years in conducting a general store there. He also spent two years in Pawtucket, R. I., and since 1895 had resided in Barre, where he was a member of the firm of B. W. Hooker & Co.

While residing in Calais he held many of the town offices and also represented Calais in the legislature of 1878. He had been a Mason for a great many years, having joined Aurora lodge, F. and A. M., of Montpelier. He was an attendant of the Universalist church and was a member of the Calais club in this city. He was highly regarded by his associates in business and social life and his death will be sincerely mourned.

Mr. White was twice married. His first wife was Christina Wheelock of Calais, to whom he was married in 1862. They had three children, as follows: Neale A. White, who died in 1896, and Mrs. Frank W. Jackson and Mrs. B. W. Hooker, both of Barre. His wife died in 1874, and his second wife was Amelia C. Pierce, who survives him, together with their two children, Mrs. Mabel C. Cole of Barre and Maurice B. White, a merchant of Morrisville.

The funeral will be held at his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. B. Reardon officiating, and the body will be placed in the vault to be taken later to Calais for interment. It is requested that friends omit flowers.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

At Residence of Late Erwin Lawlis Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the funeral of Erwin Lawlis was held from his late home at 9 Kirk street and was largely attended by friends and neighbors. Rev. H. G. Lipsky officiated at the services. The Heddington Methodist church male quartet sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and a talk by Rev. Mr. Lipsky preceded another hymn by the quartet in "The Christian's Good Night." The body was then conveyed to the Hope cemetery vault and will be buried after the arrival of Ralph Lawlis, a son, who is a soldier of the 20th division.

The Modern Woodmen of America was represented by Angus McDonald, as was the fire department by Chief C. B. Gladding, under whom the deceased served 15 years as callman. Many people of Montpelier and surrounding towns came to pay the last tributes to their friend. The profusion of beautiful flowers showed in part the popularity and high esteem with which Mr. Lawlis was held by his acquaintances. People who came from other cities to be present at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawlis, Earl Lawlis, Augustus Nolan, Orville Pine, all of Montpelier; Mrs. Claude Hubbard of Boston; L. B. Wolfe of Northampton, Mass.; Miss Edna Wolfe of Holyoke, Mass.

The pallbearers were C. B. Gladding, W. H. Ward, Walter Shields, Charles A. Caron, Orville Pine and Angus McDonald.

DEATH OF JAMES COBBAN.
Barre Manufacturer Died Today After Six Weeks' Illness.

James Cobban, of the granite firm of Welch & Cobban, died at the City hospital this morning, after a sickness of about six weeks' duration.

Mr. Cobban was about 30 years of age. He was born in Dyce, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and is survived by a mother in the old country and a brother in Stamford, Conn. He was a resident of Barre about eight years, was a member of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association and of Iroquois tribe, I. O. R. M.

Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until the arrival of his brother.

PETER PEDUZZI'S FUNERAL

Held from His Late Home on Boynton Street Saturday.

The funeral of Peter Peduzzi, whose death occurred at his residence at 67 Boynton street early Thursday morning, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his home. Many of the members of the Italian colony, in which Mr. Peduzzi was well known, assembled to attend the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Hope cemetery. Pallbearers were: Dominico Bianchi, Marco, Antonio and Dominico Peduzzi, John Berni and John Carabini.

SICK OF FRANCE.

Sgt. Melburn Lewis in Charge of Transportation in Military Police Corps.

The following letter from Sgt. Melburn A. Lewis, who is with the military police corps in Nogent Le Rotier, France, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lewis of South Barre, will be of interest to his friends in this vicinity. He says:

"Sincerely hope this finds you all O. K. I am well, but am some sick of this country. I do not hear from you more than once a month and I have written to all the central postoffices in France. If you write, it is funny I do not get the mail. Now, just loosen up and write. It will not be very long before we will be leaving, but it seems like years to us. The 91st division in this area is starting to-morrow for the coast to sail for the states."

"How are all the people in South Barre? You never write about anyone, so I do not know if they are dead or dying."

"Nothing new here, except we have nine horses now and expect more. They are saddle horses. Take autos, motor cycles, trucks, bicycles and horses. It keeps me busy on the books and repairing, as I have full charge of all the transportation."

DISABLED VESSEL TOWED IN.

The Ocean Had Engine Trouble and Pounded in Heavy Seas.

Boston, March 31.—The Norwegian steamship Ocean, reported in distress 150 miles off Cape Cod, was taken in tow for New York, her destination, by the coast guard cutter Osprey to-day.

The cutter found the vessel disabled by engine trouble and pounding in heavy seas. The Ocean, 2872 gross tons, left Liverpool March 13 with freight.

RUM OF VETO BARGE BILL

About the State House There
Is a Report that Clement
Will Not Sign

LEGISLATURE BEGINS POSSIBLE LAST WEEK

Sunday Permit Bill One of the
Most Interesting to Be
Taken Up

Tonight the Vermont legislature of 1919 starts upon what is expected by many will be the last week of the session. The work of the session is well cleaned up, there being but 19 bills in House committee, and 22 in Senate committee. There are 18 bills on the House calendar for to-night. The Senate calendar is a short one.

On the other hand, there is some talk that new bills which will be introduced in the Senate this week, together with the itemized consideration of the budget by the Senate, will postpone final adjournment until sometime next week. It is understood that a couple of important measures, one of them relating to workmen's compensation, will appear in the Senate within a day or two. The budget bill is up for a third reading in the House to-night, and will probably go to the Senate to-morrow morning. If everything runs smoothly, the Senate may be able to get through it by Wednesday night and pass it Thursday which would leave the way clear for final adjournment Saturday. But if any difficulty arises over the measure, it is likely to take up the greater part of the week in the Senate.

There are four measures on the House calendar to-night with favorable report, one with an adverse report, three for concurrence in Senate proposals of amendment, and nine up for passage. Those coming in under favorable report are S. 87, the workmen's compensation measure; S. 99, providing for mutual associations for employees under the workmen's compensation law; S. 102, providing for co-operation with the Federal government for rural sanitation; and S. 103, providing for a custodian for the works of the Vermont Historical society.

S. 86, relating to the conservation, development and utilization of the water resources of the state, comes in under adverse report.

One of the bills up for passage tonight is S. 101, allowing towns and cities to further exempt hotels from taxation. This measure caused quite a flurry in the House Friday afternoon, and it may have considerable opposition this evening. It is of vital importance to the Barre City hotel, about which the measure centers.

Interest in the House this week centers about H. 312, the Sunday permit bill, which comes up as a special order tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. It is possible that the House may go into a committee of the whole and hear what some interested citizens of the state have to say on the subject. Anyhow, there is sure to be some hot debating before the vote is taken on this measure, for the state is now pretty thoroughly aroused concerning it, and the opposition to the bill promises to be one of the stiffest of the session.

The normal school bill, H. 330, introduced Friday by Mr. Tracy of Johnson, and providing for the continuance of the normal schools at Castleton and Johnson until August, 1941, is also due for some lively opposition, according to reports. The movement for consolidation of such State institutions as can be consolidated to advantage, has gained a large following in both houses, and it is expected that an attempt will be made to apply the idea in this case.

The statutes provide that the normal schools of the state shall continue until August, 1920, and had not somebody discovered this fact the other day, both schools might have been out of existence before another legislature could have given them a new lease of life.

In case there is a movement for consolidation, it is understood that the school at Castleton is the favorite over that at Johnson, and the gentleman from Johnson may have hard sledding for his bill.

Rumor has it that the governor is likely to veto the barge terminal measure. It remains to be seen whether he will follow his own inclination to cut down the state tax by calling a halt on this measure, or whether he will consider that he should support the legislative action as being the representative sentiment of the people of the state. The governor has received a number of protests from different parts of the state against the bill.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. P. Noonan and mother, Mrs. Catherine Hannon, attended the funeral today of Thomas Carver at Waterbury.

Team and men of the street department were engaged to-day in carting off the heaviest snowfall of the winter from Main street. The street department has had little work of this nature to do all the winter.

Supt. M. J. Dooley of the trolley road, who was injured by a "blue flash" last Friday while on top of a car removing the snow and ice from the trolley wire, is able to be about and to superintend the keeping of the track clear.

Winter's fine reversal of form sent many snowshoe parties scurrying into the open yesterday and long contemplated hikes, repeatedly deferred because of June weather in January, were much enjoyed. Many took pleasure in hitting the trail for a maple orchard and experienced the novelty of making their destination on snowshoes, an achievement rarely possible in the last days of March. At their farm on east hill, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Friberg kept open house for a party of Barre young people, who gathered in the afternoon to sample the unbounded hospitality of the genial host and his wife. Maple syrup of the 1919 brew was liberally dispensed and before taking their departure the visitors were shown a number of marked improvements since its purchase by Mr. Friberg.

Special convocation of Grand Chapter, No. 26, R. A. M., Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p. m.; work, R. A. degree. Per order, E. H. P.